

TOWN OF EGREMONT, MASSACHUSETTS
MEETING OF THE SELECT BOARD
MINUTES

Date: January 24, 2019

Time: 7:00pm

Place: Town Hall

Egremont

Present at the table were Chairman Turner, Vice-Chairman McGurn, Selectman Brazie, and Legal Counsel Jeremiah Pollard.

Others in attendance: See attached attendance sheet.

Pledge of allegiance was recited.

It was announced that the meeting is video and audio recorded.

SCHEDULED ISSUES:

The purpose of the meeting was to conduct a disciplinary hearing against Police Chief Erik Josephson.

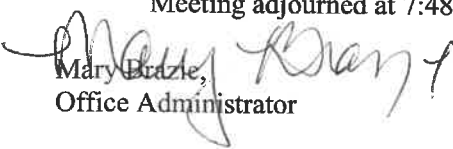
Chief Josephson was present with Attorney Austin Joyce to represent him. Chief Josephson asked that the hearing be conducted in open session.

The Board asked Chief Josephson if he told the Berkshire Record and the Berkshire Eagle that the Board was corrupt and had asked him to fix tickets and cover up crimes. Chief Josephson, after some back and forth, said he never spoke with the reporter at the Berkshire Record and that has been confirmed, and that his quotes to the Berkshire Eagle were not an accusation against the Board but were his statements of his integrity.

The issue of the Chief's accusations against Full-time Officer Hans Carlson were discussed. The Chief admitted to destroying the evidence he had against Officer Carlson so that the Board never heard the recording. The Chief's hours of work were also discussed as was the Chief's unreported absences.

No disciplinary action was taken and it was agreed that the chief will work out his contract which expires June 30, 2019. It was agreed that the Chief will inform Office Administrator Mary Brazie of his absences and will inform the Board of any hours he spends outside of his regular 8am to 4pm.

Meeting adjourned at 7:48pm.


Mary Brazie,
Office Administrator

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